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SUBJECT: GOE ECONOMIC RESPONSE TO JAN 1 RIOTS

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1. PRESS JAN 6 GAVE EXTENSIVE FRONT-PAGE COVERAGE TO 10-HOUR CABINET MEETING PREVIOUS DAY AT WHICH PRIMIN HEGAZY REVIEWED GOE EFFORTS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL CONSUMER COMMODITIES IN FACE OF CURRENT SHORTAGES AND RELATED PROBLEMS.

2. IMPORTS, EVIDENTLY FOR CY 75, WERE STATED AS: WHEAT 2.8 MILLION TONS AND (REMAINING FIGURES IN THOUSANDS). FLOUR 360, MAIZE 750, LENTILS 30, BEANS 75, TEA 40, SUGAR 10, MEAT 12 AND CHEESE 6. ADDITIONAL DECISIONS WERE REPORTED ON AN INCREASE IN TEA RATIONS, AND MARKING AVAILABLE LARGE ADDITIONAL QUANTITIES UTILITY CLOTH. EXTENSIVE COVERAGE ALSO GIVEN TO PLANS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW LAW PROVIDING FOR PROMOTIONS AND HIGHER SALARIES FOR CIVIL SERVANTS AND PUBLIC SECTOR EMPLOYEES.

3. EXECUTIVE MEASURES WERE ALSO ANNOUNCED TO REDUCE PRICE OF SHOES (ONE OF MAJOR COMPLAINTS WHICH ALLEGEDLY TRIGGERED JAN 1 RIOTS) AS WELL AS EFFORTS TO REDUCE EXPENDITURES OF ALL MINISTRIES.

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4. COMMENT: ANNOUNCEMENTS REPORTED ABOVE ACTUALLY
REPETITIONS OF DECISIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS MADE EARLIER IN
CONNECTION WITH 1975 BUDGET AND INTERIM PLAN. THEIR RESTATEMENT
AT THIS TIME, WHILE IT DOES SERVE TO FOCUS ATTENTION ON STEPS THAT
WILL BE TAKEN, HAS UNFOTUNATE ASPECT OF MAKING IT APPEAR AS IF
THEY WERE RESULT OFF RIOTS.
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